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Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, between lines 11 and 12:

-- This application claims priority from German Patent Application DE 103 11 659.1,  
filed March 14, 2003, whose contents are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
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Please rewrite line 16 on page 1 as follows:

-- ~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention --

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Please rewrite line 26 on page 3 as follows:

-- ~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention --

Please rewrite line 22 on page 8 as follows:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --

Please rewrite line 5 on page 9 as follows:

-- Detailed Description of the exemplary embodiments --

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Between line 9 and 10 of page 14, please insert the following new heading:

-- Abstract --

On page 18, please delete the paragraph starting at line 3.